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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat and rice sought and released to each State under the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) after the start of the relief operations during the current year;

(b) the reasons for delay in the release of foodgrains even after clearance by the Task Force formed for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for timely release of foodgrains under the SGRY?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) A special component has been introduced under the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana w.e.f. 01.04.2002 for augmenting food security through additional wage employment in calamity affected rural areas after due notification by the concerned State Governments. During the current financialyear (2002-03), 38.29 lakh MTs of foodgrains has been allocated to the drought affected States. The State-wise details of foodgrains demanded and allocated under the Scheme are as under:

S.No,	Quantity Demanded Rice/WheatTogether	QUANTITY RELEASED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR DROUGHT(UPTO NOVEMBER 2002)		
	WHEAT	RICE	TOTAL	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) (6)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	25.00	0	18.00 18.00
2.	Chhattisgarh	12.60	0	1.43 1.43
3.	Haryana	9.72	0.25	0 0.25
4.	Himachal Pradesh	0.19	0.04	0.06 0.10
5.	Jharkhand	-	0.20	0.20 0.40
6.	Karnataka	11.09	0	2.00 2.00
7	Kerala+	0.25	0	0.25 0.25
8.	Madhya Pradesh	2.50	1.63	0.48 2.11
9.	Orissa	12.19	0	4.00 4.00
10.	Rajasthan++	56.00	7.00	0 7.00
11.	Tamil Nadu	5.46	0	0.50 0.50
12.	Uttar Pradesh	20.00	2.00	0 2.00
13.	Uttaranchal	0.19	0.31	0.50

+0.25 lakh tonnes of Rice were released to Kerala under normal SGRY Scheme.++56.00 lakh tonnes of Wheat was demanded by Government of Rajasthan upto July, 2003.

(b) Foodgrains are released district-wise under the Special Component of the SGRY. For the States which had given district-wise break up with the proposal, there was no delay in release of foodgrains under the Special Component of the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana after clearance of the proposal by the Task Force on Drought Management. For the other States, it could be released immediately after district-wise break up was received.

(c) Earlier, instructions for release of foodgrains were issued by the Ministry of Rural Development to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, which in turn ordered the FCI for release accordingly. The procedure has since been further simplified. The Ministry of Rural Development now issues release orders directly to the Food Corporations of India (FCI). To avoid delay in future, the State Governments have beenrequested to send their proposals along with district-wise allocation of foodgrains for the notified districts.